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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation  
(Report #16 - As of 6:00 A.M. EDT)

25X1 [redacted] [redacted] according to  
Radio Pakistan, East Pakistan was attacked by Indian  
forces this morning. The ground attack allegedly is  
aimed at Jessore, Rangpur and Comilla. The radio re-  
port is also said to have claimed that 24 Indian air-  
craft were downed as the result of air attacks on  
Dacca and Chittagong. This information is not yet  
confirmed.

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2. Fighting on the Lahore front died down last  
evening but apparently was resumed this morning, al-  
though details are lacking. Pakistani officials  
yesterday were claiming that the Indian attack has  
been "halted, cornered, and contained." General  
Musa, the Pakistani C-in-C, considers the attack  
blunted and probably contained and has emphasized  
Pakistani determination to recover "every inch of  
Pakistani territory." In conversation with General  
Burns, the chief of the US MAAG mission in Pakistan,  
Musa was "practically hysterical" in condemning US  
military assistance to India.

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ARMY and DIA review(s) completed.

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4. The UN Security Council, meeting last evening, again asked for a cease-fire on the subcontinent and asked the Secretary General to exert every effort in this direction. U Thant has indicated that this may include a trip to India and Pakistan in the near future.

5. The Pakistanis are claiming major victories in the air war--22 Indian fighters destroyed against a loss of two Pakistani F-86's. They also claim to have destroyed 13 aircraft on the ground at Pathankot air field in the Punjab, including nine MIG-21's. There is evidence that several Indian air fields were hit by the Pakistanis yesterday, including Pathankot and Adampur--a major Indian fighter airbase. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] If the Pakistani claims are true, the loss of nine MIG-21's would mean the destruction of virtually the entire operational Indian MIG-21 fleet.

6. Pakistan has announced that Indian aircraft bombed the Rawalpindi airfield on the night of 6 September. [REDACTED] indicate that the bombs missed the airfield. During the night, air raid sirens sounded in Karachi and Pakistani jets scrambled. Indian reports speak of an air battle over the city of Amritsar.

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